

Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, May 20, 1845, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO AMOS KENDALL.

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1 Cincinnati *Commercial*, Feb. 10, 1879. To this letter Kendall said in his reply of May 31, 1845: "I have just received from my family a copy of your invaluable letter of the 20th inst. Your injunction as to your papers shall be held sacred. That Mr. Blair will cherish and defend your fame and honor as carefully as I shall, I have no doubt."

Hermitage, May 20, 1845.

. . . . On the subject of my papers: You are to retain them so long as you think necessary to use them. should you die they are to pass forthwith into Mr. Blair's hands. I have full and unlimited confidence in you, both that my papers will be safe in your hands and that they never will be permitted to be used but for a proper use. Mr. Bancroft has intimated a desire to have part of my military career incorporated in his American history. I have said to Mr Montgomery Blair to see and converse with you on this subject; and if there are any military matters he wished to obtain, if you can spare the Book to let him take a copy. This, my dear sir, is for your consideration. My papers after you are done with them, or on your death, are to pass into the hands of Francis P. Blair.

I have been waiting to see what the President has done, or intends to do for you. The city post office going to other hands, and no foreign mission, etc. etc., my dr sir, has astonished me. I would like to know what is to be yr destination.

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Here, my friend, I must for the present close, tendering you with my prayers for your health, long life and prosperity, and that we may at last meet in a blissfull immortality. Yr sincere friend. All my household salute you and yrs.